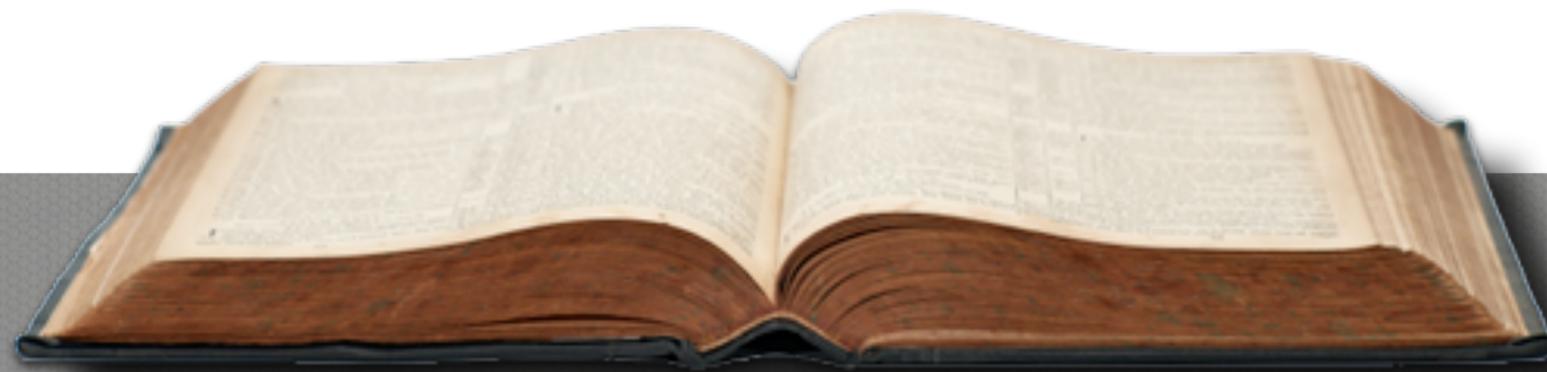




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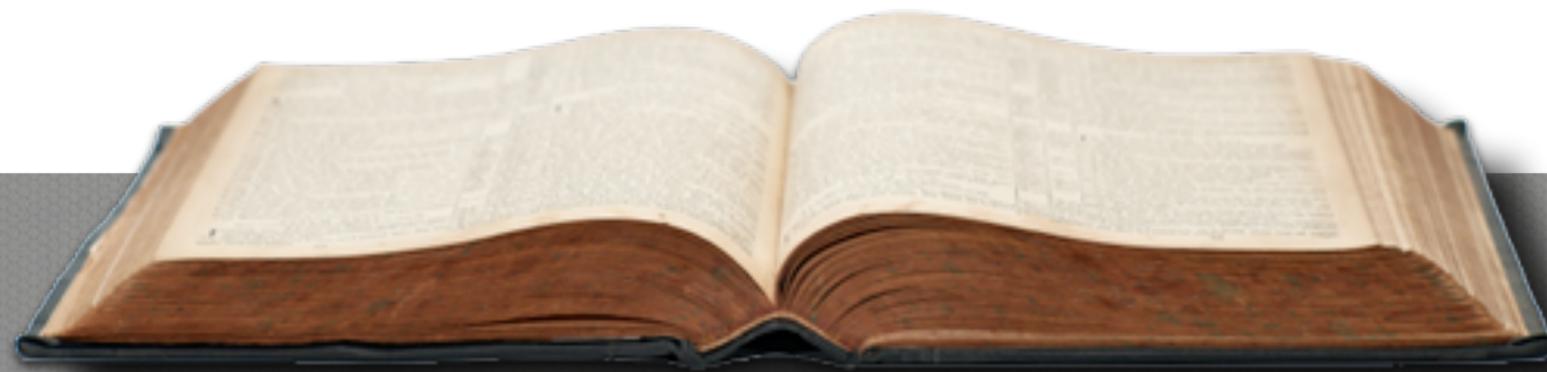
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He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**



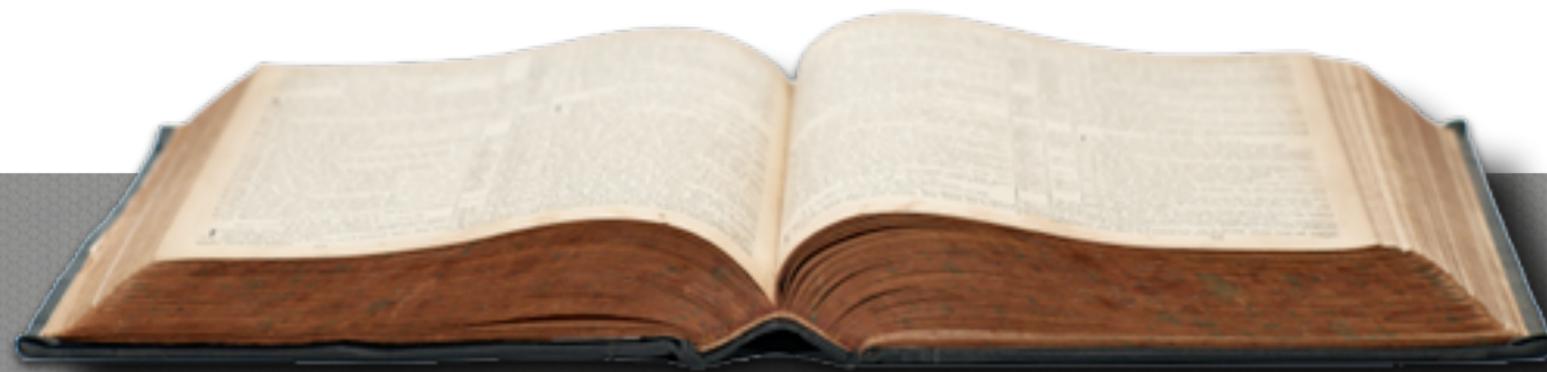
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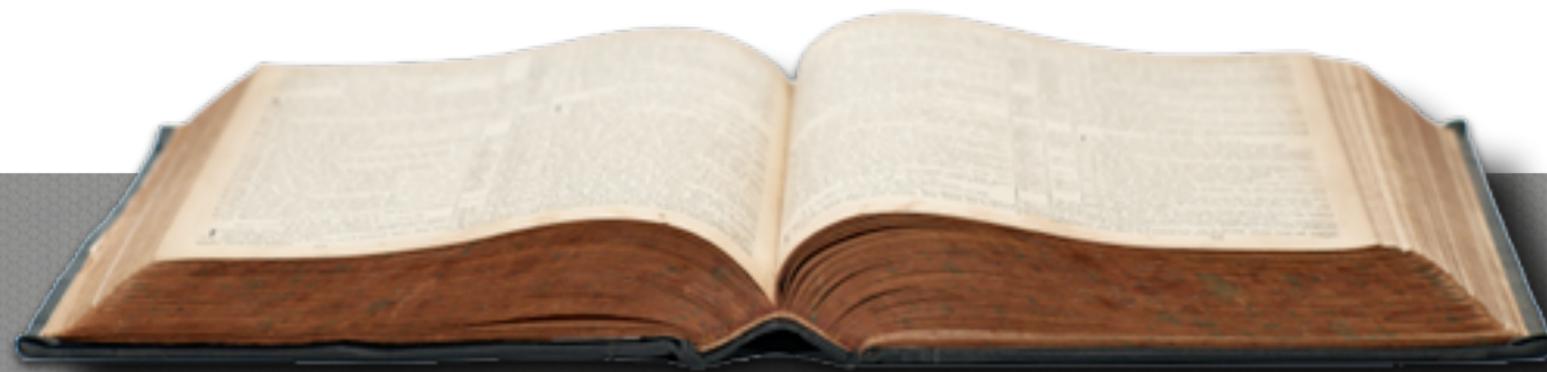
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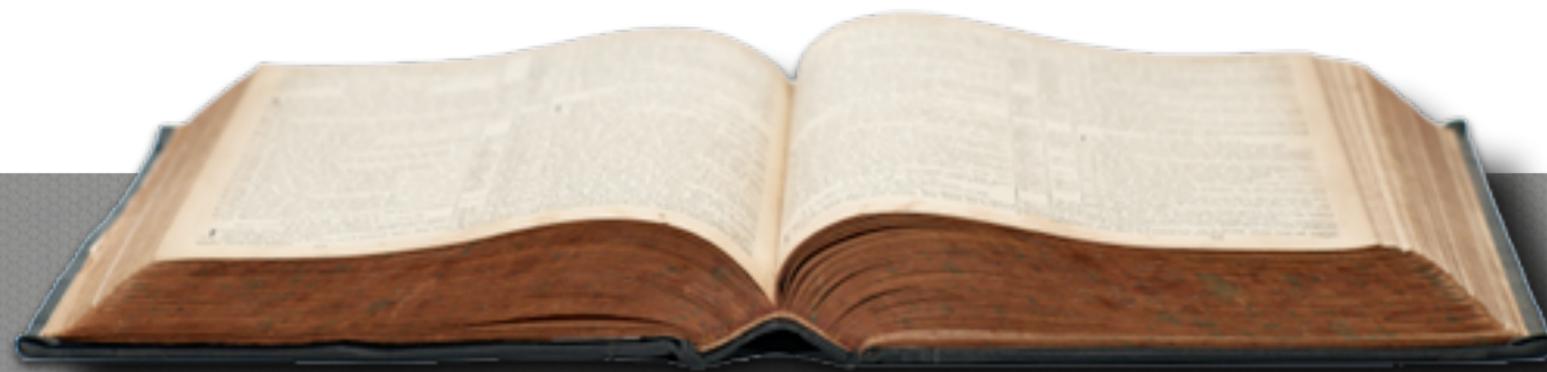
Luke 19:10

“... the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”



Matthew 13:27–30

So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ But he said, **‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.’**



Matthew 13:27–30

Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but **gather the wheat into my barn.”**



The owner permitted the tares to grow because he cared for the wheat. It was in the wheat's best interest that the tares be allowed to mature.



Somehow, God's continued allowance of evil is in the best interest of those who will be redeemed.



Satan saw that his disguise was torn away. His administration was laid open before the unfallen angels and before the heavenly universe. **He had revealed himself as a murderer. By shedding the blood of the Son of God, he had uprooted himself from the sympathies of the heavenly beings.**

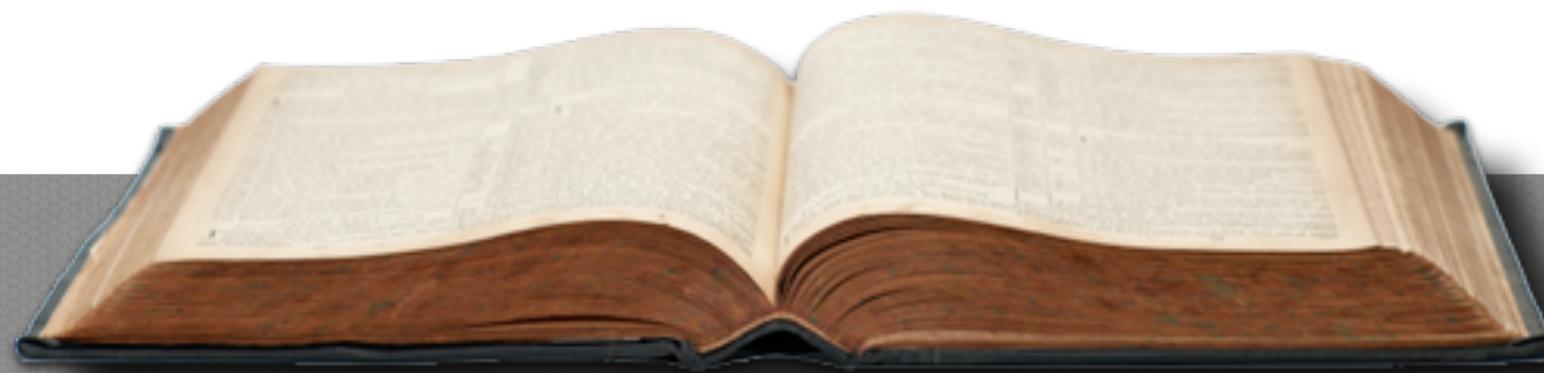


Yet Satan was not then destroyed. The angels did not even then understand all that was involved in the great controversy. The principles at stake were to be more fully revealed. **And for the sake of man, Satan's existence must be continued.** Man as well as angels must see the contrast between the Prince of light and the prince of darkness. He must choose whom he will serve.



John 14:1–3

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.**”



God's promise to prepare a place for us includes His work of preparing us for that place.





Think about our salvation
from the angels' perspective:
**Is it really good news to
angels that God's plan
involves bringing us to
live with them?**





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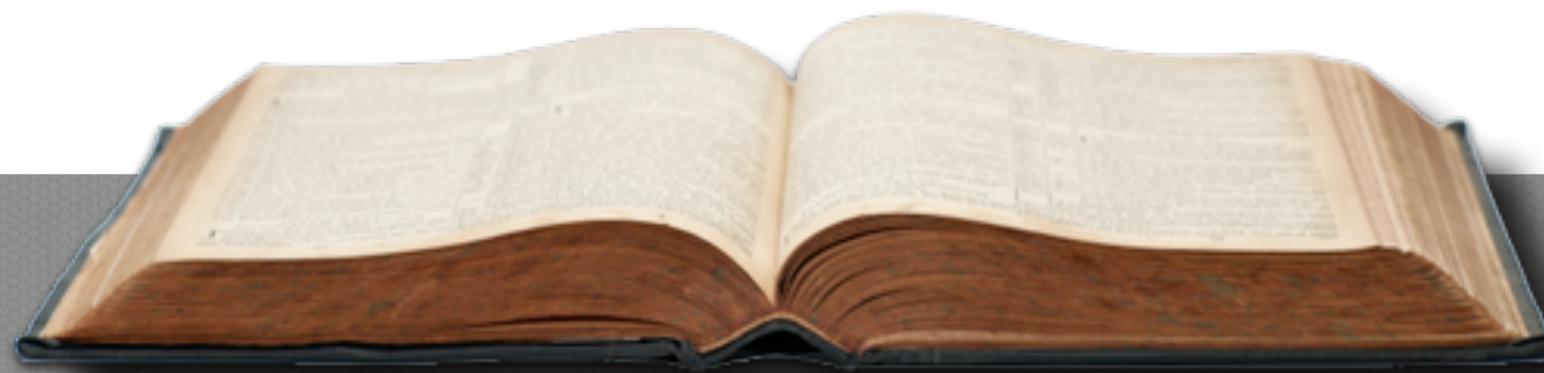


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- ✓ Just as they needed to see why Satan should **DIE**, angels now need to see why any of us should **LIVE**.



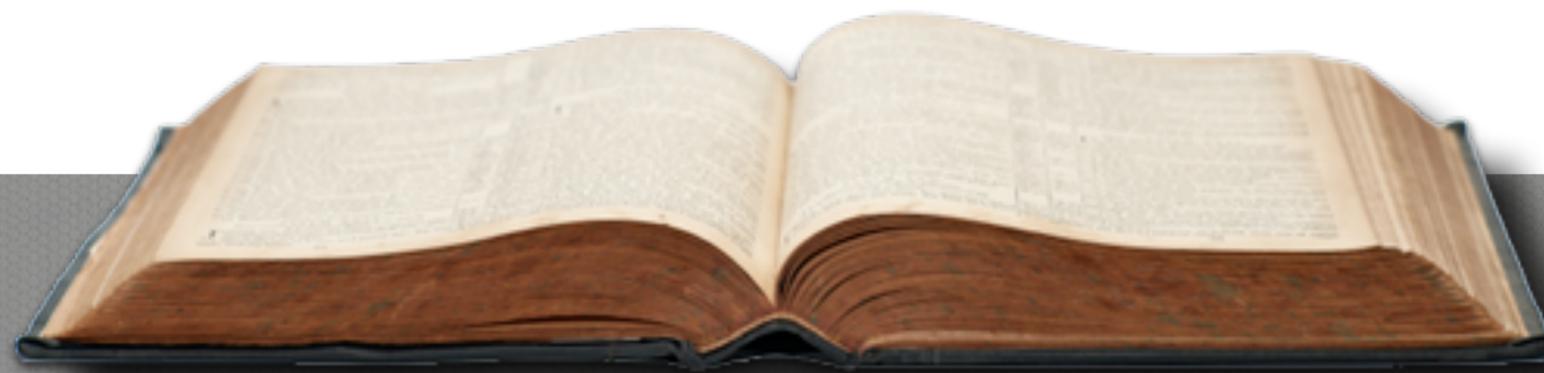
1 Corinthians 4:9

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for **we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.**



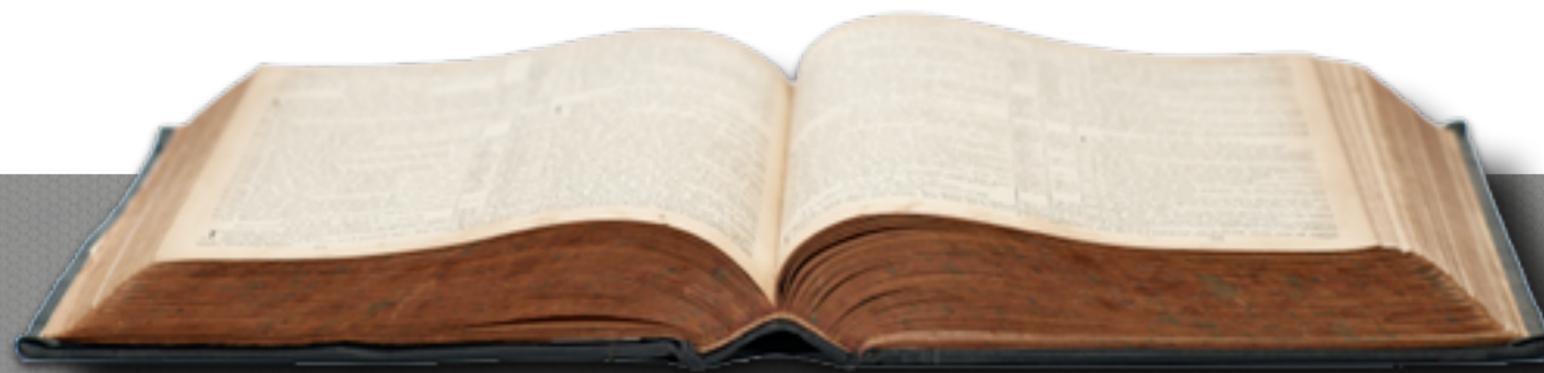
Ephesians 3:8–10

To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, **and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;**



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to the intent that **now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places**, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord



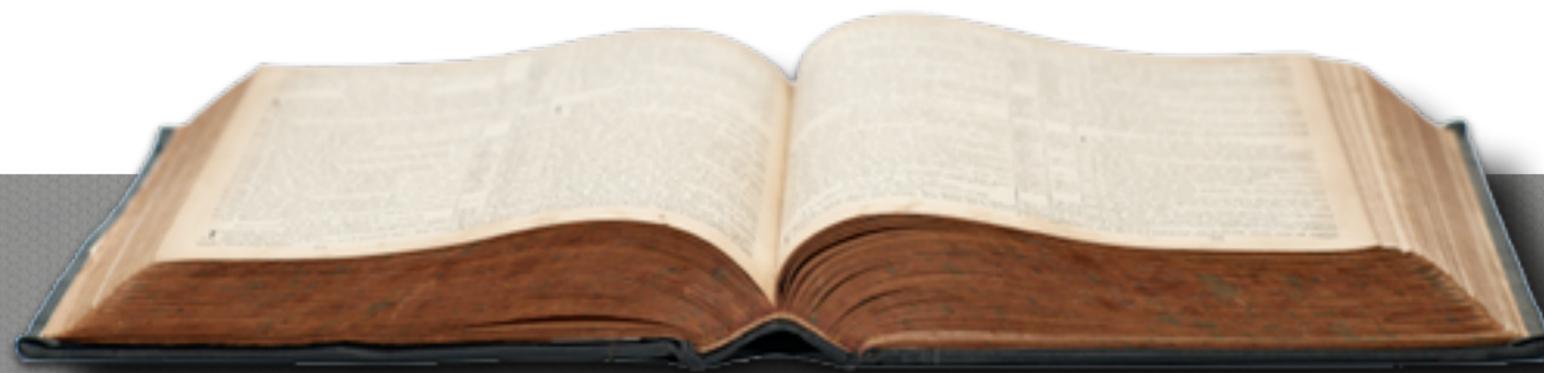


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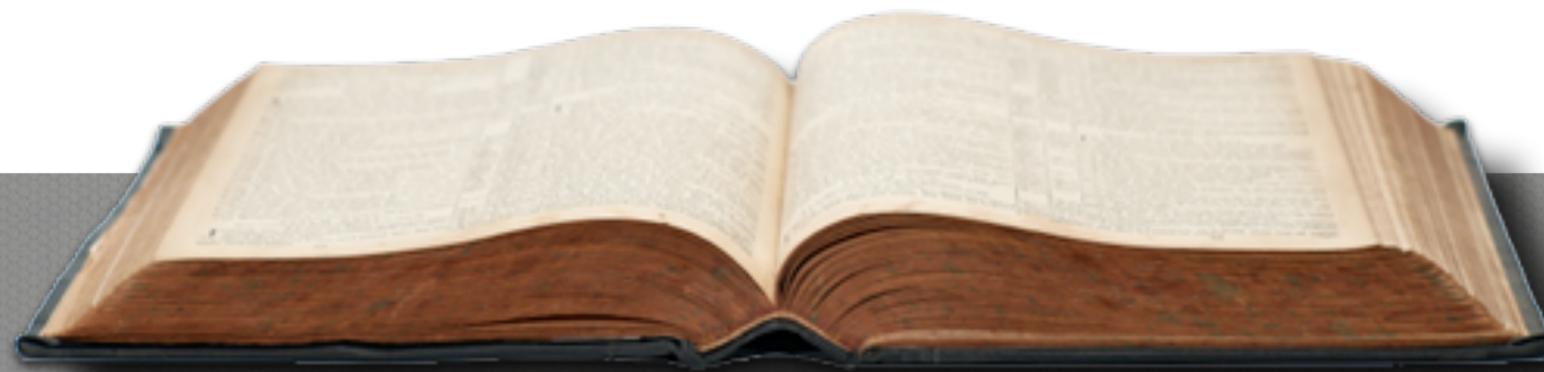
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Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” And He said to them, **“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”**



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See, I have told you beforehand. “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. **For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.**





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- ✓ God is eliminating Satan in a way that everyone can **SEE** his true character.





When Satan was cast out of heaven originally, it was not a single shot from glory to the grave. Instead, Satan's fall is ongoing even now, like a slinky down the stairs.



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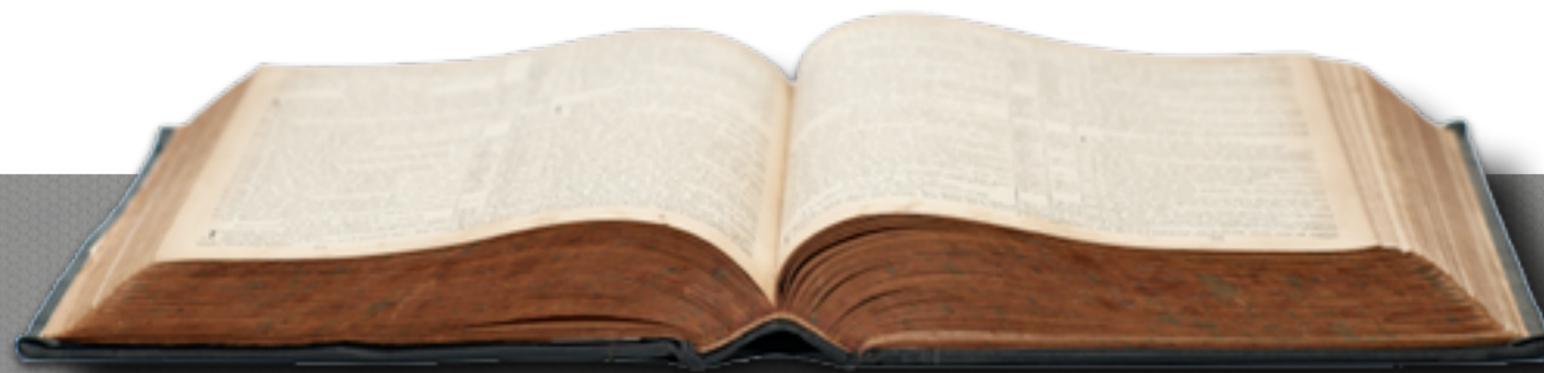


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Revelation 12:7–9

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. **So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**





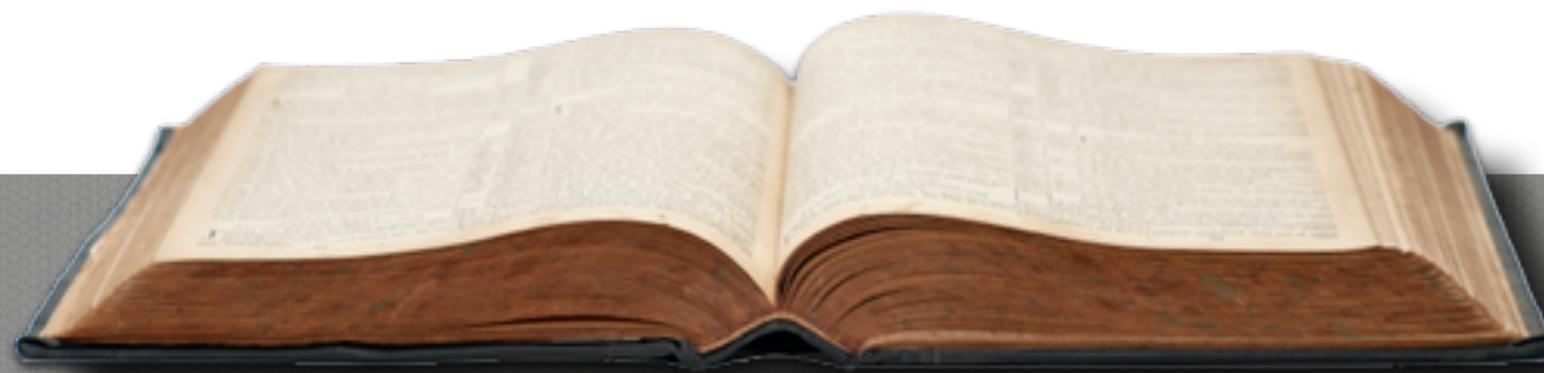
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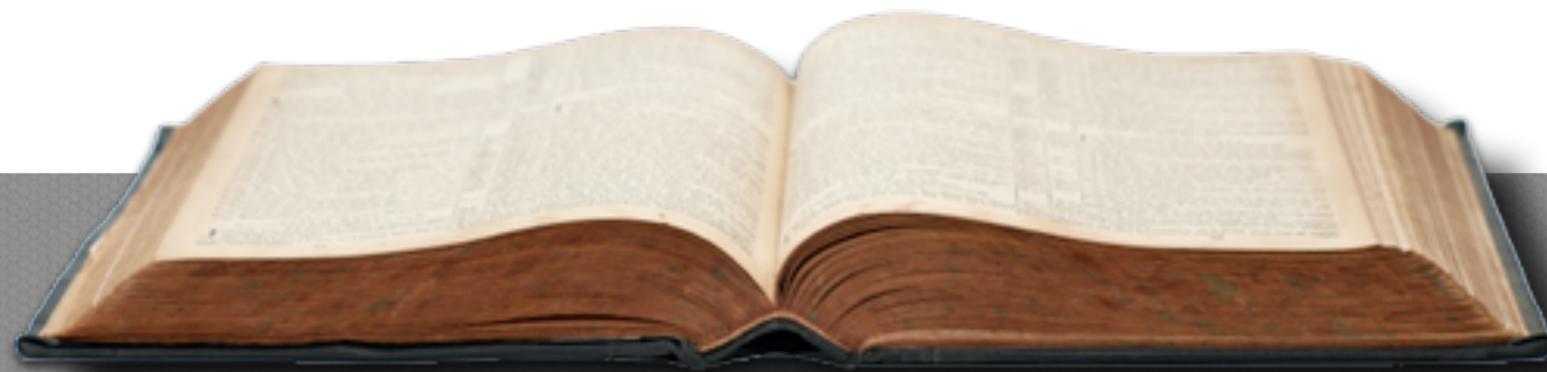
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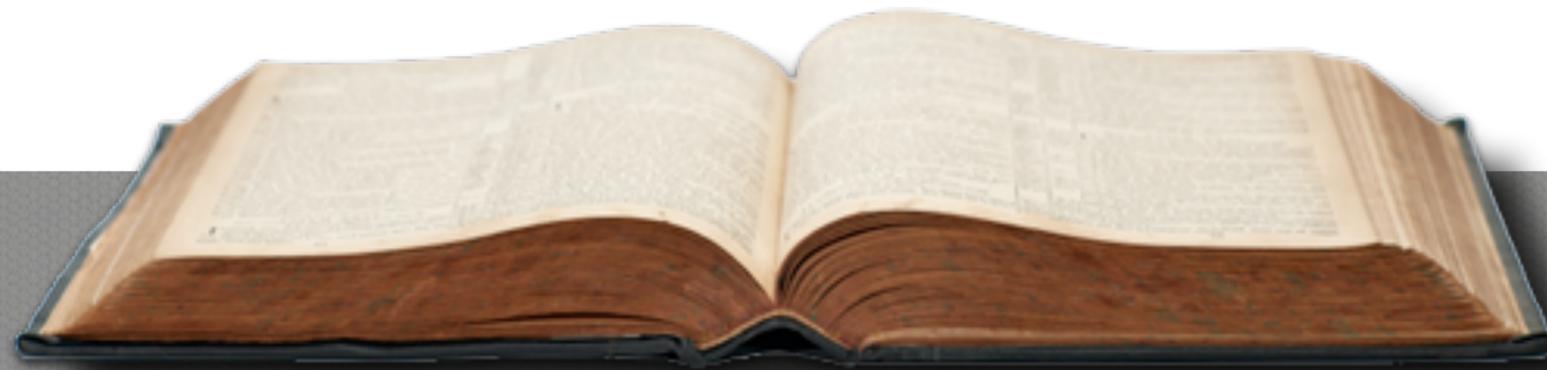
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Revelation 12:11, 12

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”



TOMORROW



NAHUM 1:9